

de·ploy

de·ploy (dē·plɔɪ) *verb*

de·ployed, de·ploy·ing, de·ploys *verb, transitive*

1. a. To position (troops) in readiness for combat, as along a front or line. b. To bring (forces or material) into action. c. To base (a weapons system) in the field.
2. To distribute (persons or forces) systematically or strategically.
3. To put into use or action: "Samuel Beckett's friends suspected that he was a genius, yet no one knew . . . how his abilities would be deployed" (Richard Ellmann).

verb, intransitive

To be or become deployed.

[French *déployer*, from Old French *despleier*, from Latin *displicāre*, to scatter : *dis-*, *dis-* + *plicāre*, to fold.]

— de·ploy' a·bil'i·ty *noun*

— de·ploy' a·ble *adjective*

— de·ploy'er *noun*

— de·ploy'ment *noun*

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